

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 551 without my signature.

This bill requires duplicative reporting for agencies which provide referral services for domestic employees. Current law already provides sufficient reporting requirements to ensure that those who hire domestic workers are well aware of their obligations to pay taxes and procure workers' compensation insurance.

Assembly Bill 551 interferes with the marketplace by legislatively altering the requirements of one segment of the employment agency industry in order for another segment to gain competitive advantage without providing additional protections for domestic workers or those who hire them.

This bill is unnecessary and inappropriately adds redundant requirements with no additional consumer protection.

For these reasons I cannot support this measure.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger